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The government's idea of preventative medicine...

...is to prevent people from using hospitals.
Gilbert Bouchard,
1983

Iona describes age no one likes

by Ann Grever

It was like "coming home" for Westerner Iona Campagnolo, the president of the Liberal Party of Canada, on Monday when she spoke to students here at the U of A.

Between engagements at Thompson, Manitoba and Vancouver, Campagnolo has been speaking all over Canada for the Liberal party. Campagnolo also acts as an advisor to the World University Games. During her campus address, rather than discuss her party's policies, she chose to stress our government's role in our changing society. The Liberal party, according to Campagnolo, being a party of reform, can better cope with new value changes in Canada today.

Campagnolo sees these shifts in values as a direct result of the economy. The attitude is no longer "today will be better than yesterday", rather, "today may not be as good as yesterday was and tomorrow may be worse." Campagnolo described the progression from the "materialism" of the '50's to the "fantasy" of the '60's to the "self-concentration" of the '70's, as luxuries of the "Golden Age of Economy", from 1948-1973. The '80's on the other hand Campagnolo calls "the age nobody likes."

New concerns are now with the "dislocation of people" similar to the dislocation in the Industrial Revolution as important institutions, such as the family, break down and no longer act as intermediaries between government and the individual. Now substitutes such as the media become important. Government must also find new ways to express new concerns within its own structure. Campagnolo sees a specific example of this in the Reform Committee of the Liberal Party.

The methods of dealing with government have changed too,

according to Campagnolo. For instance the "Era of anti-democratic single issue" politics has passed. As Campagnolo states "politics can no longer afford the luxury of basing all decisions on one issue." Instead, Campagnolo sees politics as becoming more multi-issues with the coalition of different special-interest groups. Examples given included coalitions of feminists and the church against pornography, and environmentalists with workers for hazard-free employment.

However, Campagnolo stressed that the worsening economy brings discontent, thus the government becomes a scapegoat. Yet Campagnolo insisted what money the government has is shared fairly, but that today there is less money everywhere. To the specific question of financing post-secondary education, Campagnolo answered, "the present position can be maintained by careful administration." In answer to the Western attitude against Liberals, she pointed to the "lesson" that Trudeau constantly teaches, that in order to improve a region's situation and problems, it is necessary for that region's best politicians to carry these problems into the federal government and into the Liberal Party to make their concerns known. Ms. Campagnolo also spoke "against politics reduced to entertainment" with "soap-opera" antics used "to promote potential conflicts" for the sake of the media. Campagnolo disagreed with the "messiah" image of one leader to solve all the problems of Canada. "The ordinary people must still carry the burden of change."

The talk ended with SU Clubs Commissioner Sterling Sunley member of the U of A Liberal Party, presenting Campagnolo with a tribute to the University, in honor of the University's 75th Anniversary.

Feds promise jobs but

Dry summer ahead

OTTAWA (CUP) — When student leaders went to see federal employment minister Lloyd Axworthy March 21, they wanted to talk about the jobless summer more than 200,000 students are facing.

But Axworthy had an announcement up his sleeve to give the reporters outside: the federal and provincial governments are studying a proposal to help place jobless graduates in career-related occupations by subsidizing their wages.

Axworthy's plan was mentioned in passing during the meeting and "came out of the blue," according to Canadian Federation of students executive officer Diane Flaherty. But it grabbed a front-page headline in the *Globe and Mail*.

It also deflected CFS and Opposition criticisms that the federal government ain't doing enough to help unemployed young people, Flaherty said.

She said it is too early to judge the proposal because Axworthy "was really vague on the whole thing." He did not say when the program will begin or how it will work.

CFS will support the program if it is similar to the current summer student internship program, where students are hired in the public or private sectors for up to three summers in job-related programs. "That's one of the better programs Axworthy's department runs," Flaherty said.

Axworthy said the proposed program will pay graduates more than minimum wage, Flaherty said.

Flaherty said CFS went to the meeting to demand more direct job creation for students, but Axworthy claimed the federal government is doing all it can. Flaherty said the government will create only as many student summer jobs, as in 1979 when the unemployment rate was lower.



Iona Campagnolo, President of the Liberal Party of Canada

photo Ray Giguere

Student loans in trouble?

by Richard Watts

At Tuesday's meeting of Students' Council SU VP External Theresa Gonzales revealed that the funding for the Students' Finance Board would be decreased by 18 per cent.

The Students' Finance Board is responsible for the administration of Student Loans and is funded by the provincial government through the Ministry of Advanced Education.

"What it means is that they (the Students' Finance Board) are going to be much more strict when it comes to handing out student loans," says Gonzales.

Currently 40 per cent of the students at the U of A are financing their education at least partially with the help of a student loan.

However, members of the Students' Finance Board disagree with Gonzales' interpretation of the new budget for the funding of Student Loans.

Fred Hemmingway, Chief Executive Officer of the Students' Finance Board, says there has been no decrease in the Board's funding.

He explains that the budget of the Students' Finance Board for this year is less than was actually spent last year when there was a

huge increase in the number of students applying for loans.

"We did overspend our budget last year," said Hemmingway.

"The budget for this year," said Hemmingway, "is actually 5 million dollars more than our predicted budget of last year." Nonetheless, Hemmingway admits that the new Students' Finance Board budget does not equal what was actually spent last year. No decreases are expected in student enrolment, though, nor in applications for aid.

Yet Hemmingway sees no cause for alarm.

"The central issue is whether or not we will be cutting benefits

to students and there are no plans whatsoever to do that," he said.

Furthermore Hemmingway insists that if the demand on the Students' Finance Board does exceed its budget this year then more money will be requested from the government.

Gonzales says that the pressure on the Students' Finance Board will be even greater this year than it was last year.

If the Students' Finance Board does require more money then a request for greater funding would have to be made to Minister of Advanced Education Dick Johnston. Johnston in turn would have to request more money from Provincial Treasurer Lou Hyndman.

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Will we discover a cure for illiteracy?

(part 2)
commentary by Jens Andersen

Synopsis: the first installment surveyed some early reports on literacy drafted by the Faculty of Arts (the Johnson and Forrest reports) and General Faculties Council (the Martin and Marino reports).

With the Martin and Marino reports came proposals, and eventually mechanisms, for testing the English competence of high school graduates entering the U of A. Currently this testing is done only for information purposes, with remedial courses for those who flunk. Beginning with students starting University this fall, however, the test will be a condition for re-registration. In 1987 it will be an entrance requirement.

The problem does not end with the establishment of an entrance exam. If it did, the population of the U of A would simply dwindle slowly to about half its size, since the failure rate on the U of A-administered competence test has hovered between 45-55 percent over the last two years.

vast number of students in an attempt to see if high school students can clear the language hurdle when they come to it.

The latest collection of such proposals is contained in a report by a joint committee of the Alberta Teachers' Association and the U of A. The proposals are quite straightforward: continuing competence tests, standardizing

them, and improving methods of marking them (recommendations 1-4); defining more precisely high school English curriculum and standards of achievement (recommendations 6, 7); easing English teachers' workloads (recommendation 8); increasing the high school language arts program from 15 to 20 credits in the academic stream (recommendation 9); clarifying the standards by which high school students are streamed (recommendation 10); and increasing the number of language and English courses required by all students in the Faculty of Education (recommendations 11-17).

There are a number of criticisms that can be made about these proposals, and some others that probably will. The Department of Education, for instance, may deny that there is anything wrong with the high school curriculum, as it did once before. It may also balk at the cost of hiring extra teachers and conducting thorough testing.

A better criticism would be that some of the goals are rather idealistic, and easier said than done. It is one thing to aim for a

As long as uniting has been primarily for the program's educational system, the current level of results can be expected. If there is consensus that a better result is necessary, there are alternatives but to expand the means for producing it. The recommendations of the Committee are offered in that spirit.

too obvious. Hence the puffed-up prose that appears.

Nor is it merely puffed up; it is also imprecise. The author clearly means "there is no sensible alternative." There is, after all, the alternative of doing nothing, or striking a committee to obfuscate the question further, or dropping the atom bomb and solving a few other problems as well.

But the main objection, I think, is one that will probably be debated very little, if at all. It is the objection that those who do poorly in English are largely ineducable, and it would be a waste of time and money to try to drag them up to a level they are incapable of reaching.

For those who are violently sucking wind over this statement, I will concede that I have no conclusive evidence to back it up. However, neither is there any conclusive evidence to prove the widespread democratic belief that any one man is more or less the equal of any other. And the circumstantial evidence leans the other way.

Consider, for instance, that many students go through the meat-grinder of high school and emerge miraculously able to write clearly and forcefully. And others come out as sausages. Worse they remain sausages in spite of university education as well.

They are the ones who flunk the remedial English test a second time, after remediation. They are the ones who end up writing bureaucratese gibberish-like the example cited above. They are the ones who write letters to the editor with sentences full of tortured syntax, highfalutin terminology, and pompous, redundant phrasing like, "This is the situation that we, when considered as a collective body, are in today."

Has there ever been such a thing as an uncollective "we"? Meanwhile, the mere high school graduates go on to write such things as *The American Language* in three critically acclaimed volumes. Surely there is a moral here.

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War game for weirdos

analysis by Adam Wessel

Have you seen the poster on campus that takes the Assassins club one step farther?

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PERIENCE THE ULTIMATE CONFLICT."

What is best of all is that the people putting out this 'literature' are not picky — they will take anyone: "Armchair Strategist or Soldier of Fortune."

Anyone really interested in this I would like to hear from. Set up a meeting place and time through the Gateway office in SUB. I'm interested in meeting human beings who could participate in this kind of bullshit.

The people who screamed about the Assassins club, I thought, were a little extreme. Assassins was a joke. The people who would have participated were just a little caught up in the James Bond/exotic spy myth. But Assassins was still harmless fun.

Combat Unlimited is another story. It appeals to overgrown army cadet weirdos who either

cannot give up their GI Joes or who get such a kick out of violence that they are willing to pay money to pretend to do it. Of course the potential customers aren't attracted by such insults. The ad appeals to "armchair strategists" and "soldiers of fortune."

It is the ridiculous things like this that make me wonder how far our society has advanced. Are the baser instincts of most of the kill-to-live animal populations still present in human beings or are we just having problems with growing up?

It would be nice to believe we are advancing, and growing but the mental midgets who organize and participate in these Vietnam fantasy enactments do shake my faith in humanity.

5 hour spring cleaning

Old issues wrapped up at last

by Allison Annesley

A ten per cent inflationary adjustment for Students' Union fees was approved after much debate at Tuesday night's five-hour marathon meeting of Council.

Both a second and third reading of the fee increase motion passed. Students will be charged the ten per cent in addition to the five dollar increase they approved in February's referendum.

A proposed amendment to the motion by VP Internal Ray Conway stipulated that the money collected from this increase "be targeted specifically" to creating additional clubs and office space. Conway's amendment failed.

Arts Proxy Don Millar complained the increase had not been definite on the referendum ballot, and said, "I don't think it is at all fair to infer that students endorsed this."

VP Finance Roger Merkosky then told Council that literature and speeches pertaining to the referendum had "certainly suggested that the increase would probably be brought before Council." The motion passed on a roll call vote, 18 for, 3 against.

The Students' Union preliminary budget, the highlights of which appeared on the back page of Tuesday's Gateway, was approved.

A motion was passed that Council express its disapproval of "the unethical and illegal actions" of the U of C for non-payment of FAS (Federation of Alberta Students) fees they have already collected. A letter, expressing these sentiments, will be sent to

the U of C by President Greenhill.

An SU review of the proposed rate increases for student housing next year was approved and will be presented to the Board of Governors next week.

The Graduate Students Association (GSA) policy on University budget priorities, which asks for a moratorium on new campus buildings until repairs and renovations have been made to existing facilities, and that replacement of outdated equipment be made a high priority was passed by Council. The GSA policy also asks for a halt on new program proposals until existing programs receive adequate funding. It calls for an indefinite freeze on the creation of new administrative positions, as well as library service upgrading with funds taken from the central administration.

The terms of all student councillors were extended until May 1st, in keeping with the extension that has already been approved for SU exec members.

Five members of next year's Council were made delegates to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) conference this spring in Saskatoon, at a cost of \$390 per delegate. The U of A is a prospective member of CFS. The five delegates are Wes Sawatzky, Siobhan Avery, Peter Block, Andrew Watts, and Barb Donaldson.

Councillor Karen Hartwig and GFC Caucus rep Barry Lace were appointed to sit on Nominating Committee for the remainder of this year's term and Housing and Transport Commissioner, Janet Dale, was appointed to sit on next year's Priorities and Planning

Committee.

And grants were made to the following organizations:

- \$834 to the U of A Computing Society
- \$880 to the Disabled Students on Campus
- \$300 to the Tuxis Parliament of Alberta

Fees a possible barrier to education

Council says freeze tuition

by Richard Watts

Students' Council decided to support the policy of a freeze on tuition until the completion of a study to determine how tuition costs affect the accessibility of post-secondary education.

IN other words, Council wants to ascertain how many students cannot attend University because they cannot afford the cost of tuition.

Currently, the Provincial Government is conducting a participation study which will determine who is currently attending post-secondary education.

Presumably there should be the same balance within the University between upper and lower classes as there is in the general population.

Certain members of Council stated that to advocate a zero increase in the cost of tuition was unrealistic and unreasonable

since the University is sorely strapped for cash and will probably raise tuition fees whether students like it or not.

SU President Robert Greenhill stated it would be much better to indicate that students are willing to bear some of the cost of their education and ask for only a six per cent increase in tuition.

Greenhill and other advocates of a relatively small increase in tuition argued that it was a much more practical bargaining position than a position of no increase.

Council however disagreed and the majority said that, in principle, it was better to oppose any increase in tuition until it had been determined by a study on whether tuition represented a barrier to higher education.

An amendment to the motion was proposed and defeated which would have seen a zero increase in

tuition policy be the only policy advocated by representatives of the Students' Union.

The amendment was proposed by Arts rep Bev Therrien and SU VP External Teresa Gonzalez and was probably aimed principally at SU President Robert Greenhill. Greenhill campaigned in the February SU elections on the principle of advocating a six per cent increase in tuition when dealing with the Board of Governors.

Greenhill also stated that although he had publicly supported Council's position of a zero increase in tuition, his personal opinion differed from Council's. Greenhill said he had made his personal opinion known to University VP Finance Lorne Lietch while the two of them were in the sauna together.

The limiting amendment was defeated.

Conway under fire for sexism

by Richard Watts

VP Internal Ray Conway caught flack at Tuesday's Students' Council meeting for approving the posting of an ad in SUB advertising the band Headwind.

The poster of an illustration of a young woman whose shirt is being blown off by the wind.

Arts rep Bev Therrien asked Conway why he approved the poster claiming she found it sexist.

Conway replied, "I knew I was going to get asked about that so I took the poster to the entire executive Committee and we voted to allow its posting."

SU President Robert Greenhill interjected "I felt the poster was dangerously close to being sexist but there was no implied violence or degradation in the poster so I voted to allow its posting."

Greenhill added however, that if Students' Council decided to rule that the poster was indeed of a sexist nature then he would happily remove it.

Therrien indicated that she did indeed find the poster offensive and would like to see it removed.

Conway replied, "There is no need to remove the poster since people of the same opinion as Therrien have already done just that."

Arts rep Dwayne Chomyn objected to Conway's mention of

the fact that he had taken the comment to executive committee.

"I don't think taking the poster to executive committee absolves you of the responsibility within your own area," he said.

Conway replied that he had been elected to do a job and would do it the best way he thought he could.

The questioning on the matter of the Headwind poster came after some councillors asked Conway why he allowed the right-

wing reactionary Christian magazine *Plain Truth* to be distributed within SUB.

Conway said that while he agreed that *Plain Truth* was "practically fascist" he did not think it fell within the SU guidelines which disallow the distribution any racist, sexist, degrading or obscene material.

At that point Therrien asked why Conway allowed the posting of the Headwind poster.

SU fees to escalate 21%

by Richard Watts

Your Student Union membership fees will be going up next year by approximately 21 per cent.

Students' Council agreed to raise fees by the Consumer Price Index of 10 per cent. Coupled with the five dollar increase agreed to in February's referendum fees will be climbing from \$45 to \$54.50.

However it should be remembered students paid \$48.50 this year since they were also paying \$3.50 for a membership in the Federation of Alberta Students which is virtually no more.

Council hotly debated whether or not fees should be raised to take into account the devaluation of the membership fees by inflation.

One objection that occurred several times was that the University Administration would be less sympathetic to student objections to a tuition increase if the Students' Union raised their fees by such a large percentage.

Incoming VP Finance Greg Maclean said, "I was talking to Myer Horowitz (University President) and he said 'How can you support a 21 per cent increase in SU fees amounts in real terms to an easily affordable \$6.00, while the same hike in tuition fees would amount to a whopping great one hundred sixty five dollars.'

One wonders if Maclean had the sense to point out to Dr. Horowitz that a 21 per cent rise in SU fees amounts in real terms to an easily affordable \$6.00, while the same hike in tuition fees would amount to a whopping great one hundred sixty five dollars.

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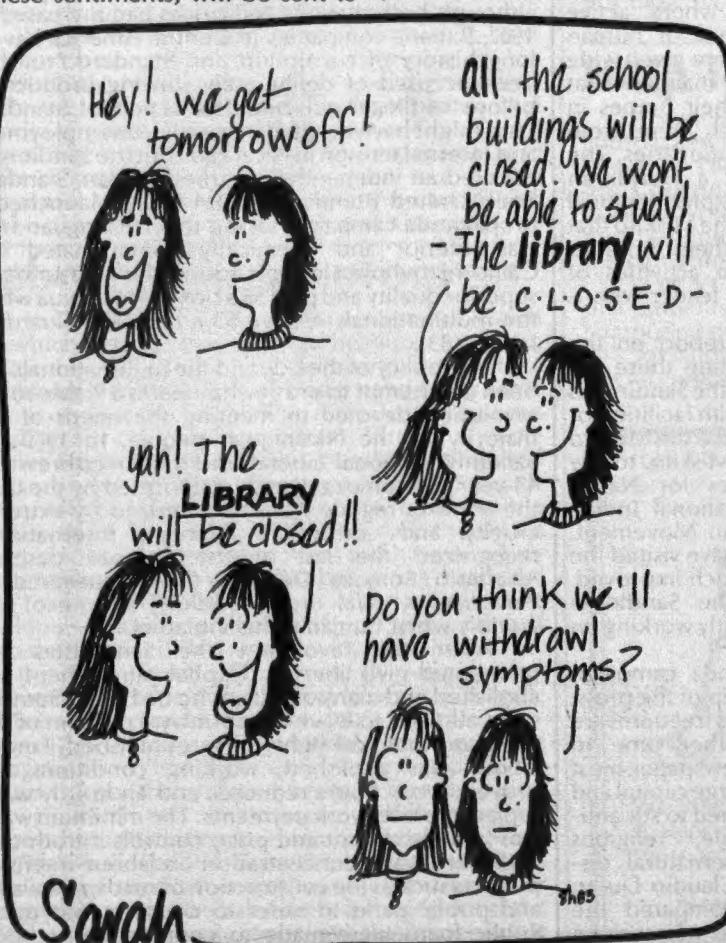
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Kill ugly monomania

News and editorial writing analyze society almost exclusively in political terms. Despite complaints that the *Gateway* is too apolitical we still treat such diverse subjects as club space allocation and university funding the same way the *Washington Post* treats American arms policy or the upcoming presidential primaries: as power struggles between conflicting interests. Yet, even if politics is the arbiter of human life, newspapers and newspaper readers discredit themselves by ignoring other ways of understanding.

An exception is economics which is starting to occupy a regular place in our newspapers and magazines. But economics is a cold sterile field that gives us a rudimentary view of how people behave and says nothing about how people should behave.

At best economics can help us execute political decisions; we still need to study other fields to make those decisions wisely.

The fields of sociology, psychology, and biology occur occasionally in newspapers. History and anthropology are scarcely heard from. Philosophy is rarest of all. We spend scant moments of our lives learning about what people do, what they did before or why they did any of it. We spend almost no time learning about what they should do.

Still, we take these ill-conceived thoughts and apply them to politics. Politics are the way we try to improve society; it is the highest cause that most of us will advocate. The vast majority of people, however, are trying to change the world without having learned anything about it.

Short-sighted understanding leads to the squinted ideological analysis that characterizes the opinions commonly expressed in newspapers. People react and rail against ideas or accept them according to the simplified theories of intellectual charlatans.

Furthermore, the work of genuine thinkers is often cheapened by those who follow, like a many faceted peg that is passed from hand to hand until it is smooth and round. Of course it still fits in the hole but it now rattles and rolls loose.

To keep the integrity of old ideas and to create worthy successors we need to keep learning about ourselves. Newspapers claim that their purpose is not to educate. People can go read books.

True enough (although most people do not go to the library because they don't know where to start) but it indicates the low priority newspapers place on deeper thought. Newspapers in our time do a lot more than present the events of the day. They entertain us, teach us to cook, help us find goods and services; they have become a grab bag of every day life. That education holds such a small place in our newspapers and our lives is to our discredit. It beggars the concern for politics that overwhelms it.

Note

At a press conference Monday, Universiade president Ed Zemera said the U of A Board of Governors would "badger" the federal government for extra funding for the University Games. I find that hard to believe. Certainly whenever the B of G have asked the provincial government for more money they have acted like a smaller, more timid animal.

Kent Blinston

The miracle of democracy

Democracy substitutes election by the incompetent many for appointment by the corrupt few.

George Bernard Shaw

A murky business

Philosophy: A filter turned upside down, where what goes in clear comes out cloudy.

H.L. Mencken

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I think that I shall never see/A Gateway lovely as a tree/A tree, or two, or three or four/Well pulped and crushed/On the dry end floor/Do not discard this Gateway dear/Recycle it, and for that tree/Worry not, just shed a tear...
Local versifiers Gilbert Bouchard and John Algard have once again lost all sense of rhyme; Margo Schmitt wrote the sports page; Ann Grever and Ken Lenz went stage-hopping; John Rogeveen is serious; Gerard Kennedy is on time; Steve Samuel dropped in; Adam Wessel and Jack Vermeet met a princess; John Sorenson and Nate LaRoi band together with Marlin Beales and Bill Inglesi in our version of Superflash; Heather-Ann Laird examines Annie's theories of sexual behaviour; Sarah Hickson inscribed a life...

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Nicaragua update

by John Sorenson

Last week's invasion of Nicaragua by CIA-backed Honduran troops represents an intensification of a U.S. campaign to destabilize Nicaragua's Sandinista government. The destabilization program has long been admitted to be a major aim of the Reagan Administration which has implemented an extensive CIA spy network throughout Central America to this end. To date the destabilization campaign has operated on the levels of propaganda, sabotage, and economic pressure but the U.S. now seems committed to escalating its offensive through a proxy war carried out by Honduran troops.

Nicaragua has consistently sought to avoid such hostilities. After the 1979 revolution which overthrew the U.S.-supported Somoza dictatorship, the Sandinistas attempted to maintain diplomatic relations with the U.S. Citing a threat of Soviet influence, the U.S. has rejected negotiations. Reagan's proof of Soviet activity in the area has been met with scepticism from Congress and the press, in scenes reminiscent of an unsuccessful propaganda campaign in March 1982 which was designed to demonstrate the flow of Soviet arms from Nicaragua to El Salvador. The "star witness" in the Reagan Administration's case, Orlando Jose Tardencillas Espinosa, a Nicaraguan captured in El Salvador, discredited U.S. claims of Nicaraguan assistance to the revolution by revealing that he had been tortured and told what to say by the U.S. Embassy. Even *Newsweek* magazine, hardly a Communist propaganda organ, disputed Washington's claims.

Intensified military activity directed at Nicaragua follows a prolonged propaganda effort by the U.S. to discredit the Sandinistas. A major issue has been the relocation of 8500 Miskito Indians. While the press has taken little interest in atrocities directed at Indian populations in areas such as Guatemala, Brazil and Paraguay, where active genocidal programs exist, allegations of human rights violations by the Sandinistas were given wide exposure. However, the Sandinistas maintain that the Miskito were removed from their homes in north-eastern Nicaragua to protect them from attacks by Honduran counter-revolutionaries. The Miskito were also the targets of a Honduran propaganda campaign designed to exploit regional and ethnic divisions and to convince the Miskito that the Sandinistas planned to murder them. Another reason for the relocation was the activities of Steadman Fagoth Muller, a Miskito leader who is allied with the Honduran forces.

While the press was quick to report on the "brutalities" involved in the relocation there has been far less coverage of the fact that the Sandinistas are building houses, schools, and health facilities for the Miskito and are attempting to make the Miskito Advisory Councils, now 50 per cent Miskito, totally indigenous. Furthermore, advocates for Native peoples' rights, such as the International Indian Treaty Council, the American Indian Movement, and the World Council of Churches have visited the relocation camps and found them much improved. All of the agencies supported the Sandinista relocation decision. OXFAM is currently working on further improvements.

Another issue in the propaganda campaign against Nicaragua has been censorship of the press, despite the fact that political and press freedoms are probably greater than at any other time in Nicaragua's history. *La Prensa*, the newspaper most frequently censored, is the voice of large capital and the articles censored are those designed to stir anti-Sandinista agitation. For example, religious "miracles" are cited to prove supernatural displeasure with government policy. Claudio Duran (*Canadian Forum*, Aug./82) has compared the activities of *La Prensa* with those of *El Mercurio*, a right-wing newspaper in Chile, which in the early

1970s associated the Allende government with criminal violence and natural disasters in order to create a climate of psychological anxiety and promote anti-socialist feeling. *La Prensa* is also closely associated with COSEP, a political party formed by the former upper classes and the owners of non-nationalized sectors of the economy. The Sandinistas seek the co-operation of these sectors and allow COSEP to participate in government even though COSEP has consistently used *La Prensa* to promote anti-Sandinista propaganda.

Economic pressure from the U.S. is another factor in Reagan's destabilization program. The major cause of Nicaragua's current economic crisis is the \$1.6 billion foreign debt left by the Somoza government. Additional strains have been caused by the flight of private capital in the hands of the bourgeoisie who feared a loss of their personal power. In actions similar to those taken before the CIA engineered the overthrow of Allende in Chile in 1973, the U.S. has blocked loans from the World Bank to Nicaragua. This blockade exists in spite of the World Bank's own report that the Sandinistas have consistently met their payments on the debt inherited from Somoza, that Sandinist economic policies have been realistic and effective, and that the private sector has been generously treated.

Despite the fact that the Sandinist government has increased its credit to small farmers, resulting in substantial agricultural improvements, that great advances in health and education have been made, and that the Sandinistas have continually attempted to follow World Bank policies, pressure from the U.S. has convinced the World Bank to decrease its aid to Nicaragua. (*South Magazine*, Nov./82).

Multinationals have also participated in the economic war against Nicaragua. Nicaragua recently nationalized its banana plantations, agreeing to pay \$13 million in compensation to Standard Fruit in return for technical assistance. \$8 million had been paid when Standard Fruit broke its contract and left Nicaragua, ostensibly because of lack of profits, although both markets and prices had increased in 1982. Banana companies in Central America have a long history of corruption and Standard Fruit has been accused of deliberately slowing production before its illegal pull-out. The action of Standard Fruit might have resulted in massive unemployment and internal tension in Nicaragua but the Sandinistas pursued an independent marketing plan. Standard Fruit, United Brands, and Del Monte launched a propaganda campaign, saying that Nicaraguan fruit was inferior and chemically contaminated but California wholesale firms found the fruit to be of superior quality and paid \$5 a box to Nicaragua while the multinationals receive \$3 a box (*The Guardian* Jan. 19/83).

The policy of the U.S. and the multinationals has been an attempt to crush what seems a viable social revolution devoted to meeting the needs of the majority of the Nicaraguan people. In 1979 the Sandinist National Liberation Front overthrew the 43-year old Somoza dynasty. Supported by the U.S., the Somoza regime was characterized by extreme cruelty and corruption. Amnesty International recognized the last of the Somoza despots, Anastasio Somoza Debayle (later murdered in Paraguay by rival drug peddlers) as one of the world's worst human rights violators.

After the revolution the Sandinistas implemented civil liberties. Capital punishment was abolished and many of those who had aided Somoza were allowed to leave the country. Freedom of the press and political rights were established. Forced labour was abolished, working conditions improved, work hours reduced, and an hourly wage replaced piece-work payments. The minimum wage was increased, rent and price controls introduced, and there was a concentration on labour-intensive projects such as the construction of roads, sidewalks, and public parks in order to create employment. Public loans were made to cooperatives, schools were built, and there were improvements in



En Garde!

by John Roggeveen

Here's to you, Peter Pocklington, Jesus loves you more than you will know. Woe. Woe. Woe. There's a myth in our society about wealth and intelligence. You've probably heard it: "If you're so smart, how come you ain't rich?" Although I'll agree that wealth and intelligence are correlated, it is undoubtedly only a moderate correlation. Wealth is more highly correlated with ruthlessness and unscrupulousness, certainly.

Nonetheless, the myth persists.

As a result of this myth, there are people who are far over-rated in their abilities simply because they possess great wealth. Such a person is Peter Pocklington.

Here is a man who has made a fortune. But, what has compiling a vast sum of cash have to do with governing a country? Not much at all. Pocklington made his money in Alberta during the boom. He would be great as Prime Minister if only he could move Canada to a boom area of the world. But, alas, things aren't so simple. How do you move a country? You surely don't just pick it up and carry it. And, where are you going to move it to anyway? There aren't any boom areas as far as I know. No, not even the States, Reagan lovers.

The States, ah the States. I understand — we don't move the country to them, we let them come and take it from us. Of course, I agree they will provide jobs. When times are good and we don't need any jobs. As soon as the times get tough here, they'll take off to big mama USA and leave us. Just when we do need the jobs.

Pocklington has many other neat policies in store for us when he gets elected. They are nice, simple policies. The kind the average Canadian can understand. This is why he is so popular with many average Canadians.

Pocklington has many other neat policies in store for us when he gets elected. They are nice, simple policies. The kind the average Canadian can understand. This is why he is so popular with many average Canadians. Unfortunately, his policies may be simple enough for average Canadians to understand, but average Canadians don't know a whole lot about anything political and they know even less about things economic. How many citizens could tell you anything about monetary or fiscal policy?

Take Pocklington's 20% flat tax policy, under which people would pay 20% of their incomes (above a certain minimum income) as tax. It looks good at face value. But, Pocklington's plan, if you think about it and know a little bit about economics, will provide a de facto oligopoly to the rich. This, of

course, will result from the rich possessing the wherewithal, namely money, to participate in expensive yet lucrative industry. Possession of such oligopolies will lead to the rich getting a larger proportion of profit per dollar invested than the non-rich who haven't the money to compete in expensive but lucrative industries and must, instead, compete in non-oligopolized, less expensive and less lucrative industry. Ergo, the rich get relatively richer while the non-rich get relatively poorer.

Pocklington also points to Hong Kong as the mecca of free enterprise. Yes, I agree, Hong Kong does well. But, that is because the rest of the world's countries do not have true laissez-faire economies. If the rest of the world's countries did, Hong Kong would be a lot worse off than it is now. A lot worse off. And the rest of the world would be close to its level.

Obviously, Pocklington has been reading too much Milton Friedman. Free enterprise is good, in theory. In practice, however, it is not as perfect and as a result it is rarely seen. And, when it is seen, its success is often over-rated like its proponents.

For example, one of Friedman's favorite parables is about the golden age of American capitalism during which the USA was built. However, Friedman conveniently forgets about the USA's history. If he remembered, he would know that America the Great was built on the backs of black slaves, by the sweat of cheap immigrant workers, and with the strong right arms of non-unionized and underpaid laborers. Free enterprise didn't make America great, cheap labor did.

Free enterprise cannot cure all of the world's curable ills, even in its pure form. The greatest good for the greatest number has thus far been the bastion of mixed economies. And it probably always will be.

I'm not entirely against Pocklington, he has a few good policies. But, he isn't qualified to be Prime Minister.

• By the way, the Alberta government subsidized the oil companies in the province quite a bit last year. About as much as the oil companies paid in taxes. I had the exact figure torn out of the *Yellow Journal* but some gremlin stole it. The figure was in excess of \$600 million - \$657 million if my memory's correct. The University of Alberta, the largest post-secondary institution in Alberta, received a cheque for \$191 million this year, on the other hand. Obviously the Alberta government is interested in training people who have the ability to diversify the Alberta economy. Yeah, sure.

housing, sewage, water, and electrical systems. In 1980 a national literacy campaign was undertaken with support from the churches. Health care was made available to all, immunization programs were taken against polio and measles, emphasis was placed on hygiene and public health education, and more doctors were trained at universities.

Great advances were made in the issue of women's rights. The Sandinistas guaranteed women's rights and equal pay. Prostitution and sexist advertising were banned. Women's custody rights were extended, as were men's family responsibilities. Nicaragua had traditionally been a sexist society and women had been among those most oppressed under the Somoza dictatorship. In the Sandinista movement women took leading roles in both the military and the government.

Nicaragua is not a "typical" Marxist state. A mixed economy is in operation with 75 per cent remaining in the private sector. Multinationals operate in Nicaragua, private property exists and the transition to socialism is envisaged as a slow and peaceful process. All sectors are represented in the government and the wide variety of political interests represented has allowed a flexible practical approach to economic development.

In spite of the fact that Nicaragua retains a large private sector in its economy and that it has consistently attempted to form friendly relations with the U.S., Reagan continues to portray the Sandinista government as a dangerous Communist threat. The U.S.-backed economic, propaganda, and now military war against Nicaragua is a cynical attempt to crush what has become a humane model for socialist development in Central America.

Lobotomies for progress

In response to Anne McGrath's letter of March 29 which was graced with the heading: Just Plain Disgusting, I proffer the following. Instead of banishing the Magazine of Understanding to some refuse receptacle, make *The Plain Truth* required reading for all first year students. If, after a whole winter session of mandatory, monthly, evangelical abuse of the intellect, the eager little undergrads have still not learned to laugh at the reprehensible gibberish of Armstrong et al then they should be treated to SU-funded lobotomies and have one-way tickets to some right-wing meatball strong-hold (like the campus YPC W.C., the Alberta Legislative Buildings or a certain Ellipsoidal (sic) Office) pressed into their hands (filled already with nasty little slivers of the True Cross). Worry not, O perspicacious peruser, for this psycho-physical relocation (surgery & bus pass) would not constitute anything approaching torture for either our grinning Reaganoids — "hot damn, ain't modern med'cin just amazin'" nor their hosts — imagine how the vision of a herd of incontinent, bible-thumping brownshirts (their newly-enfranchised chests heaving, their ballot pencils sharpened) could vitalize the cholesterol-choked ventricles of the likes of Peter Lougheed or Ronnie-baby-deity-in-residence at the Mecca of monopolistic capitalism; that's fascism, for you starry-eyed economists out there.

I hope only that the neo-nazis won't be deprived of their monthly dose of Understanding and that the rest of us don't lose a source of much amusement. Please: let's keep the Truth — Plain and Simple — OH...so simple.

Shawn Murphy, (omni) Science I

Is Robert Greenhill lukewarm on freeze?

On Tuesday March 29 Students' Council reaffirmed its policy on tuition fee increases. That policy in essence calls for a freeze on increases in tuition fees until such time as an accessibility study is completed.

We are encouraged to see that once again Council has endorsed a national policy.

It is our hope that this endorsement will be duly respected by the President of the Students' Union. In our opinion his actions in the past may have served to undermine the position of Council. We recognize that his personal opinions may have interfered with his duties but we are sure he will respect both the letter and spirit of his present mandate.

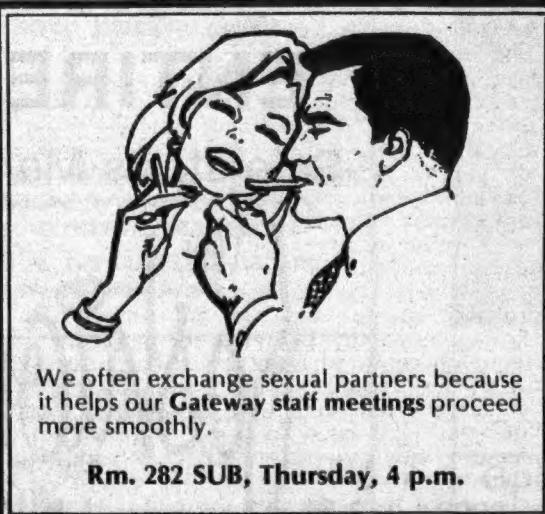
Dwayne Chomyn, Don Millar

Help for handicapped

A member of the U of A Computing Society approached me yesterday in response to an article I wrote for Tuesday's edition about problems within the Computing Sciences Department. The story made reference to students who are unable to do their assignments because they don't understand the computer.

U of A CS Secretary Janet LaValley pointed out that students can come to the club for help with computing problems. The club will also set up MTS ID's for students to send their problems to, outside of club office hours.

Allison Annesley



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by Ken Lenz

The Gateway recently approached one of Edmonton's alternative music bands, Backstreet, for an interview. Drummer Steve Campbell and lead guitarist Wade Mosher showed up haggard and weary after a crazed weekend of sonic overstimulation. We talked for a while about the virtues of leather pants, existentialism, journalism and other such nonsensical things which have since been edited from this article because of the boring, distasteful nature of these topics to most people. After botching the first take on a wretched, hideous Gateway taperecorder, we got it right the second time around on an equally wretched, hideous machine.

So, for all you nocturnal daydreamers, here it is...

Gateway: Could you tell me a little about the history of Backstreet, and where are the other two guys right now?

"We often exchange sexual partners because it helps us work better as a unit."

Steve: Terry and Tim had a golfing appointment so they couldn't make it today. I don't think anyone really cares how we got together but we have been together for over two years now and are discovering some definite advantages to working together for so long. Getting used to each others' styles and moods are a couple obvious advantages.

We're good friends, we get drunk together on weekends, we often exchange sexual partners because we think it helps us work better as a unit.

Gateway: A lot of bands today are using technology, i.e. synthesizers, to their

advantage. Why is Backstreet sticking to the traditional, bass-rhythm-lead-drums sound?

Steve: I think that the new, new music is not so much new, it is just using technology to create songs in the same manner they have always been done. We find it more challenging to break down the traditional restrictions with the traditional method.

Wade: A lot of new bands come across cold and miserable, alienating their audience. We are trying to bring a melancholy warmth to the people who are listening.

Gateway: Could you elaborate a little on the 'cold and miserable' part of your last statement?

Steve: I think that a lot of bands are pissed off with the way things are going in society. They think that, because their audience must feel the same way, they can create a bond with their audience by being 'eerie, cold and miserable.'

Gateway: Does Backstreet have a political dimension?

Steve: We don't like talking about influences for the simple reason that it offends many people who have strong feelings either for or against a particular band. Suffice it to say that we have been influenced from everything from classical music to punk rock.

Wade: We aren't trying to copy anybody else as much as we are trying to develop our own sound and style of music.

Gateway: So what sort of audience is Backstreet trying to reach?

Steve: We're not shooting for any particular section of society, we are basically just looking for people who are a little more into music than the average Joe who only listens to CHED on the way home from work.

Gateway: How do you go about writing songs from the time you first think about an idea to the finished product?

Wade: Usually, about one o'clock in the morning, I get my guitar in my bed, with my Winnie the Pooh pyjamas on, my Star Wars sheets and my ET pillow and write the lyrics first. It usually takes a couple of months to work out the complete melody because I have about 25 songs laying around at any one time. When I am finally finished it's like having an emotional orgasm.

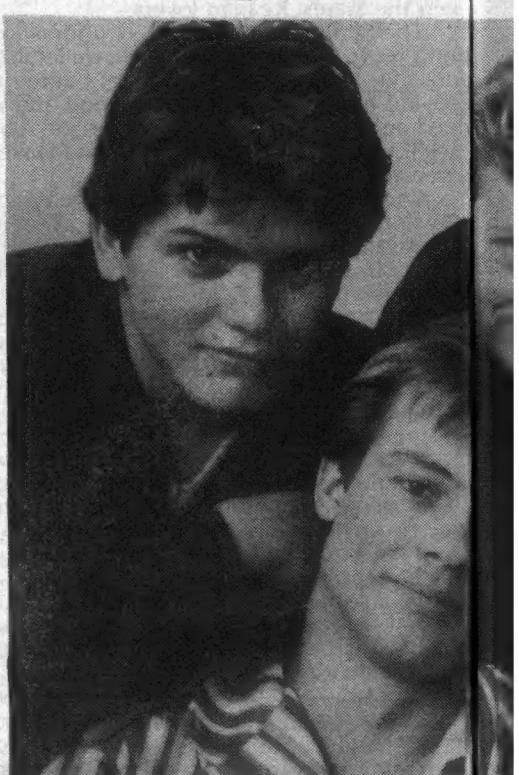
Gateway: How does the band choose what to play, do you play mostly covers for originals?

Steve: Covers are played mostly out of necessity right now, to give people something to compare us with. We hope to play enough around the city so people can recognize our originals. Once we do that we plan on dropping all our covers unless there is one that we like and we think we do a particularly good version of it.

Wade: Right now we are doing some covers which are sort of unusual. It's hard finding out what people in Edmonton want to hear so right now we are doing a version of 'Billie Jean' by Michael Jackson, just because it's a lot of fun.

Gateway: Do you have trouble reaching people in Edmonton specifically?

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Left to right: Lead- Wade Mosher; Vocalist; D. Petthenbridge

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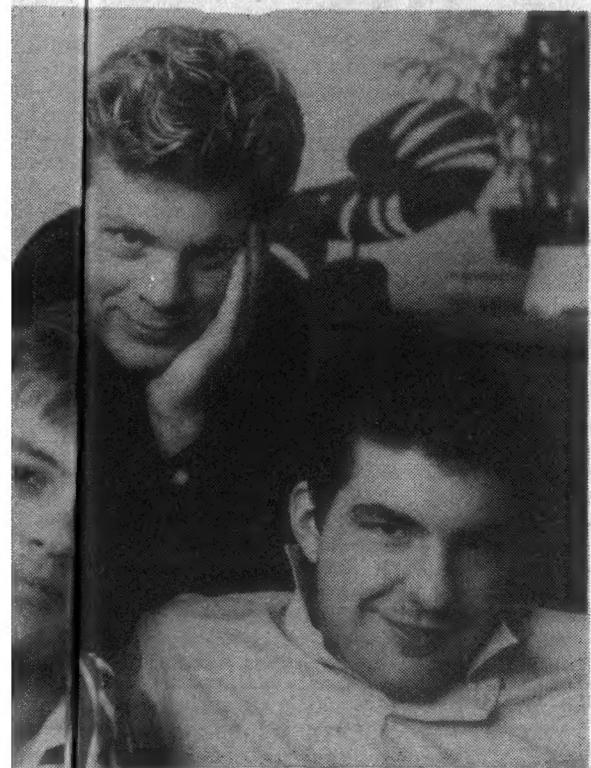
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Backstreet



Vocalist; Drummer- Steve Campbell; and Bass- Terry.

Wade: I think Edmonton is a very commercial city, people are basically here because they need jobs. To a large degree Edmonton is a 'Heavy Metal' city. Yet, there is still an alternative music scene here, however small.

Gateway: Backstreet hasn't been playing much in the last couple of months, have you been doing anything new?

Steve: We have taken some time off to work out a new strategy. We are trying to take it a lot more seriously this time around. We don't want to make the same mistakes twice such as doing too many back-ups or not being quite as professional as we could be. We are also under new management, Steven Honeyman of Switch Productions, and are extremely happy about that.

Gateway: Are you planning to put anything on vinyl in the near future?

Steve: Well the West Watch album will be coming out in early September and we are getting a lot of good feedback from our song, which will be 'Tomorrow.' The program director of K-97 has expressed interest in it so it will definitely get airplay on that station.

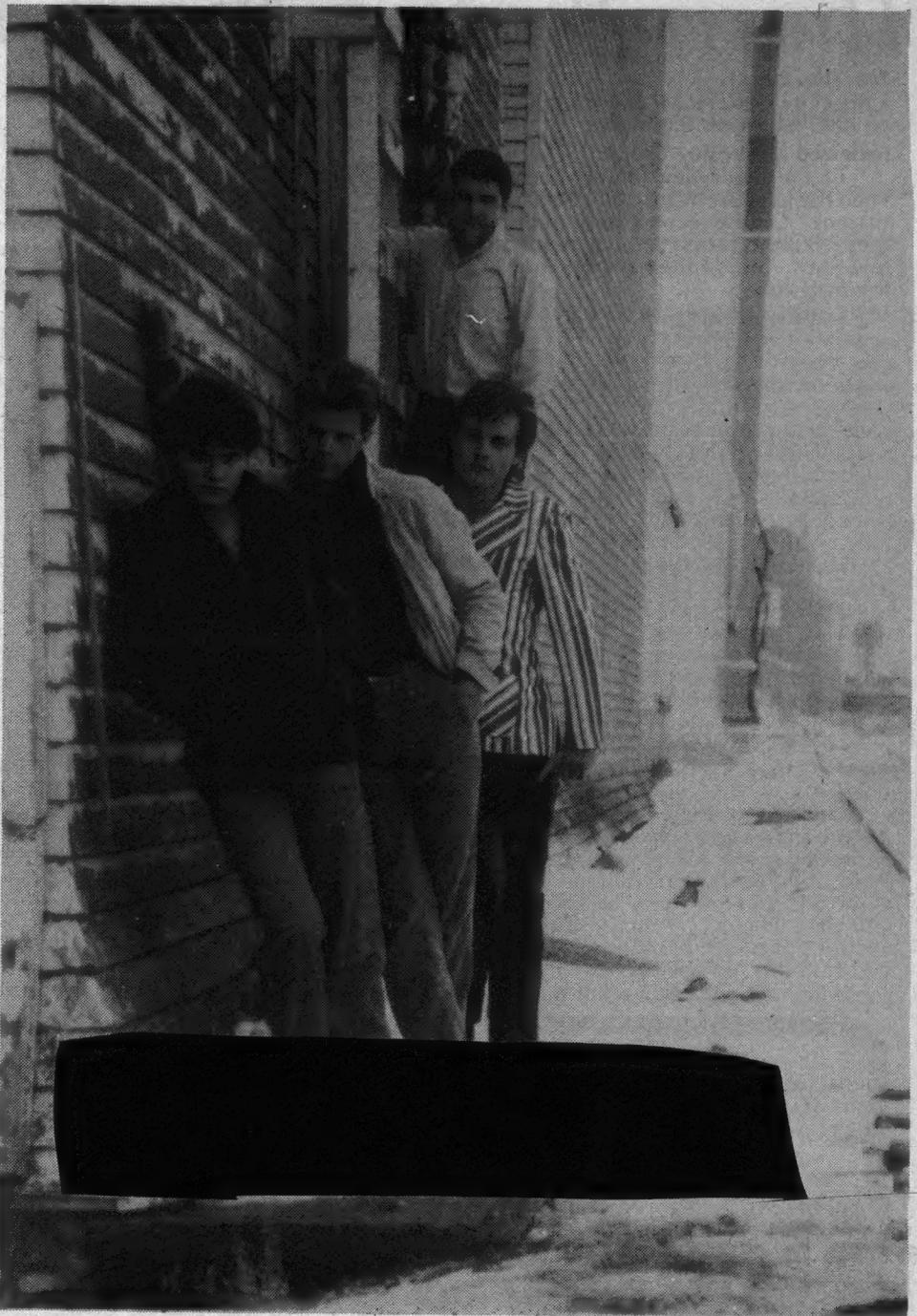
Wade: We will probably be releasing an album this summer depending on how much money we make between then and now.

Gateway: What is the future for Backstreet?

Steve: What we want to do is try to break into the bar circuit, try to get people hearing us without having to bait them with covers. We want to get a little money behind us so we can release an album. We are shooting for the top. Trying to make ourselves accessible without compromising our ideals in music. All we can do now is keep our fingers crossed.

Backstreet will be playing this Saturday night at a benefit for nuclear disarmament. They are at the Ukrainian Centre on 97 st and 110 avenue with guests 'Bar Talk' and 'Me and the Mosquitos.'

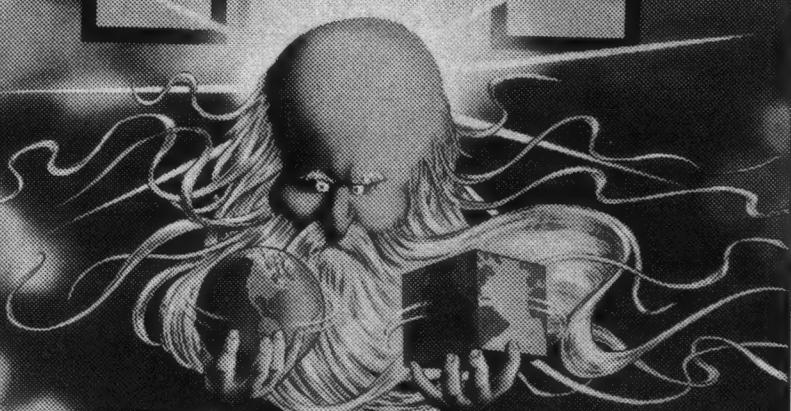
Also, on channel 10 at 12:00 midnight Backstreet will be the host group for the show 'Nocturnal Transmissions.'



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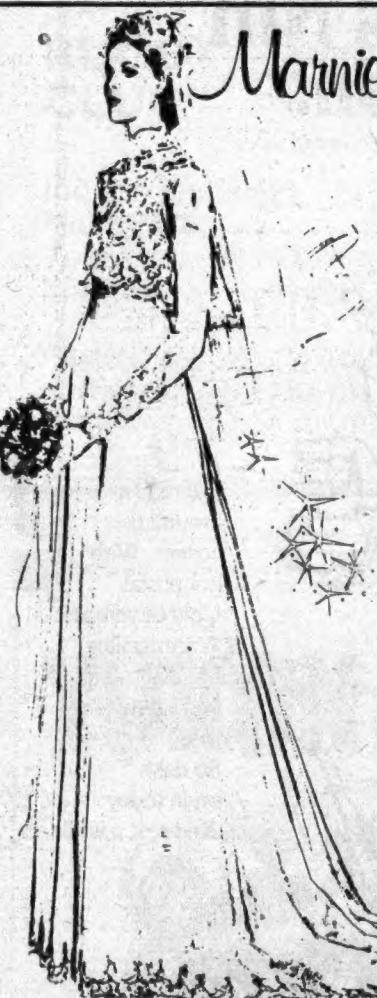
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ARTS

Thorn Birds a thorn in the side

The Thorn Birds
a novel by Colleen McCullough
an ABC television miniseries
reviewed by Wesley Oginski

In the beginning there was nothing. Then the great networks said, "Let there be sitcoms." On the second through fifth days they created variety shows, dramas, and tele-films. And on the sixth day they made the mini-series.

Some have said television had come of age with its first miniseries. For the first time epic stories would not be limited by the attention span of the audience and the confinement of the theatre. It is a good concept and on occasion used effectively. But, as in all fields of entertainment, the eventual hits and misses occur. Wolper and Margulies succeeded with *Roots*, but (though ratings will probably be high) have failed with *The Thorn Birds*.

Richard Chamberlain stars as Father Ralph de Bricassart, the priest who eventually falls from grace because he loves a woman. Chamberlain is a fine dramatic actor and has proven himself on both screen and television. However, he cannot carry the film when direction from Daryl Duke is wandering. Between successive cuts from one sub-plot to another, you need a very discerning eye to pick out the changes.

One of the most insulting images of this program is when the homestead almost burns down. The scenes were very reminiscent of the burning of Tara in *Gone With the Wind*, but nowhere as good, nor as effective. Many other scenes create allusions to better old films.

Yet the greatest downfall of this presentation is casting Rachel Ward in the

role of Megan Cleary, the woman who de Bricassart falls from grace for. Ward's previous experience include a stint as a high priced hooker in *Burt Reynolds' Sharkey's Machine*, and the obligatory dame in *Dean Men Don't Wear Plaid* with

Steve Martin. She didn't display any talent in either of those films, nor does she start in *The Thorn Birds*. She is lifeless and rarely portrays emotions effectively. In fact the actress who portrayed Megan as a child does a far better job than Ward can muster throughout the film.

Unfortunately the need of networks to create stars has driven them to use un-talented people like Ward. She is no different from a Susan Anton or a Farrah Fawcett, which unfortunately makes *The Thorn Birds* just a little better than *Three's Company* or *Dallas*.

ROUNDABOUT

Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul
Men Without Women
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by Nate LaRoi

Steve VanZandt may call his band the Disciples of Soul, but the E Street Band guitarist has more than just a little Keith Richards in him. From the fat guitar riffs of 'Layin' in a Bed of Fire' and 'Under the Gun', a couple Stones-like rockers, to VanZandt's nasal vocal delivery, Little Steven's solo debut has all the party power of the long promised but never delivered Keith Richards' solo album.

Of course, VanZandt's specialty has always been horn arrangements (he was signed to the E Street Band on the spot after coming up with the trumpet arrangement for *Born to Run's* 'Meeting Across the River'). And usually Steve keeps his guitar to rhythm, allowing the brass section to carry the lead melody. Several cuts bring back all the heart-lifting R&B glory of Southside Johnny's *Hearts of Stone*, where VanZandt served as writer/producer.

All things considered, *Men Without Women* is not quite as strong as that 1978 Asbury Jukes album. 'Till the Good is

Gone', a duet with Gary U.S. Bonds, degenerates into a "yeah yeah yeah" marathon while VanZandt's stab at a Dylan-esque drawl on 'Men Without Women' is about as successful as Keith Richards' attempt on 'All About You'.

Men Without Women does offer more stylistic breadth than *Hearts of Stone*, however. Particularly impressive is 'Princess of Little Italy', a tender ballad

about a girl who wants to "forget everything she was", "hurt everyone she loves" and "marry someone just like daddy". And to top it off, VanZandt has a great band, including ex-Rascals drummer Dino Danelli and assorted E Streeters.

After seven years under Springsteen's wing, "Little Steven" is finally his own man and getting things done to boot. Now, what took him so long?

Jump Cuts

by Jack Vermee

Okay, what's so special about the summer of 1983? Wrong, the correct answer is "It's the summer of the Universiade International Student Film Festival."

A quick call to David Scorgie, assistant director of film and literary arts at Alberta Culture and Festival organizing committee member (try and say that without blinking) revealed that over forty entries have already been received from such diverse locations as India, Germany, Malaysia, Tokyo, the Phillipines, Edmonton and more. Scorgie (of course) heartily encourages local student filmmakers to submit their works.

Any student or apprenticing filmmaker is eligible to enter a film (16 mm or Super 8) or video (3/4 inch videotape) in any language. The deadline for entries is April 15, although Scorgie says that this deadline is "flexible."

An outstanding jury, including Holly Dale (director of *P4W: Prison for Women*) Joan Micklin-Silver (director of *Chilly*

Scenes of Winter) Michael Rubbo (noted NFB documentary filmmaker) David Rimmer (from Simon Fraser University) and, hopefully, Bill Forsythe (director of *Gregory's Girl* and *Local Hero*) will award \$6500 in prize money to the best theatrical, documentary, experimental, and animated films and videos.

The festival will take place July 5 - 9 at the NFT. Day passes will be available for a nominal fee and will allow viewers to move freely between screening rooms. At the end of each day there will be a screening of one of the jury members' films.

If you want to enter or find out more information about the festival call David Scorgie at 427-2554.

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All promo blurbs aside, it is with a sentimental sigh that I end my year of "Jump Cuts." Thanks to everybody who bothered to read this thing and I'll see you at the flics.

Arts Editor's Note: Jack Vermee has been elected next year's Arts Editor.

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SPORTS

OV's are women's winners

Rule of law holds true

by Margo Schmitt

Law and the O.V.'s are the top Men's and Women's Intramural units for the 1982-83 season.

The Law Men's Intramural unit has picked up its fourth consecutive "A" Conference win and have now won the UAB Trophy 10 out of 11 years. Engineering was second and the Wrecking Crew placed third in this year's standings. The unit standings are calculated on a point basis taking wins and participation into account.

Mark Asbell and David Paull, co-coordinators of sports for the Law Faculty, were the driving forces behind the win. Besides organizing the intramural unit, they also coordinate intra-faculty sport activities. There are also two female sports coordinators who organize the women's sport activities and intramurals. Jim Wachowich and Ed Breskey are the male sports representatives for next year and will be busy attempting to repeat the victory.

The Faculty of Law has approximately 500 students, of which 60-65 per cent are male. Of that, there are about 150 who participate in intramurals, which is quite a high participation rate. There are a few who have participated in ten or more intramural activities over the year. Some of these active individuals are Ed Breskey, Rob Warrender, Gord Keith, Mark Asbell, Randy McCreary and Peter Duckett.

An example of active participation is Randy McCreary who won the Male Intramural Participant of the Year last year. He was also in the running for the title this year as well.

Even with such a high rate,

participation in the Faculty has fallen slightly in comparison to previous years. However, this did not hamper the unit at all.

Mark Asbell feels that the reason the Faculty of Law has such a high participation rate is that it gives the students a mental break from the pressures of their studies. Also, it is encouraged within the Faculty for social reasons. The purpose of being active is more recreational than competitive.

"Still, some people view intramurals as too much competition and don't come out," commented Asbell. He stressed that intramurals does offer something for everyone, from the social aspect to relieving pressures. Asbell felt that Hugh Hoyles, Coordinator of Campus Recreation, and all the staff in the Green and Gold offices have done a tremendous job in making the intramural program like that.

The O.V.'s, the winning unit of Women's Intramurals are ten times smaller than the Law bunch, but no less enthusiastic.

This is the O.V.'s second consecutive win, displacing the Shooters both years for the Rose Bowl Trophy. The unit came into being four years ago when a group of girls from 8th and 9th Mackenzie decided to form an intramural unit. The group stayed together as a unit, giving themselves the name the O.V.'s in their second year of existence.

Tracy David had been the unit manager for the first three years, and has helped Lisa Fong, the present manager, this year. Fong will assume this position next year as well.

The unit had about 30 active participants in previous years, but

this has been reduced to 15 this year following the graduation of a number of the O.V.'s. In terms of recruitment, friends and relatives are enlisted. "We'll welcome anyone who wants to play," added David.

The unit had a rather slow start this year and did not participate in any activities until November. However, things picked up in the second term. Right after Reading Week, the O.V.'s were in fourth place, with only a seven point difference between them and the top place team. The O.V.'s decided that they wanted to repeat their win of last year, so by participating as much as possible they were able to do just that.

"We are quite competitive," said Fong, "and any team at the top gives us incentive to try harder. This year that team was the Shooters." David explained that a rivalry exists between the two units.

Competitiveness is only one aspect of the O.V.'s and socializing is important as well.

"The team that drinks together sticks together," said David as she pointed to the O.V. crest on her shirt.

The winner of the Men's "B" Conference and the Robert H. Routledge trophy was Zeta Psi (Zetes), beating out Kappa Sigma and Mac Hall. The top Co-Rec unit was the Animals of Pre-Vet Medicine.

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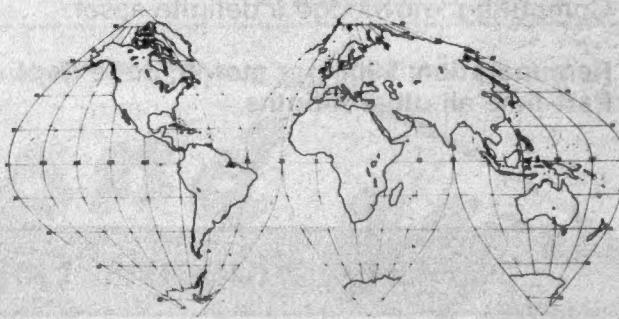
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footnotes

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MARCH 31

U of A New Democrats - Hospital user fees are a tax on the sick. Save medicare from Tory wrecking crew. NDP info table SUB 11 am-2 pm.

UASF&Comics Club - election meeting 1930, Athabasca Heritage Lounge. Sign painting & cruiser hogtying to follow.

U of A Filipino Students Organization - general meeting SUB Rm. 280A at 6 pm.

Chinese Students Assoc. - annual general business meeting at Tory 14-14 7:00 pm. Further info contact Margaret 433-3530/432-4404.

Central America Campus Committee - general meeting in SUB 140 at 3:30 pm. Lutheran Student Movement - 7:30 pm. Maundy Thurs. Worship at Lutheran Student Ctre, 11122-86 Ave. All welcome.

Dinwoodie Cabarets - tickets for Rational Youth (Apr. 9) on sale Mn. Flr. SUB. 11am-2 pm. Co-sponsored by U of A New Democrats.

One Way Agape - bible study on "Why Jesus is the Only Way Back to God". Discussion to follow, all welcome, 5:00 pm Ed. North 2-101.

Salter Reading Series - a reading by writer Samuel Selvon at 12:30 pm in Rm. 2-42 of Humanities Centre. Prof. Selvon will be next year's Writer-In-Residence at U of A.

Arab Students' Assoc. - Dr. Ismail Zayed, MD. speaking on Israeli invasion of Lebanon 3:30 pm Humanities L-1.

Action Factor presents a Rock'n'Roll Party with Teenage Head at Golden Garter. Tickets SUB outlet.

Club IDC - Intermediate Technology - Conference Rm (4-114) Ed. North Bldg. from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

APRIL 2
Downhill Riders Ski Club - the Easter Bunny Boogie! Dinwoodie, with "Teenage Head" & "Yesterdays Papers". Tickets \$8 at CAB, SU Box office and all members.

Lutheran Campus Ministry - 10:30 pm worship features The Easter Vigil liturgy of new fire, readings, baptism and eucharist in SUB-158.

Lutheran Campus Ministry - 10:30 am celebrate Easter Sun. with us in the Newman Centre of St. Joseph's College. All welcome!

APRIL 5
Eckankar - introductory talk SUB 280 12:15 pm. All welcome.

U of A Group for Nuclear Disarmament - meeting 5:00 in Rm. 280 SUB.

APRIL 6
German language film - 7:30 pm in Arts 17: Grete Minde. Admission free.

U of A Flying Club - pick up air regs handouts in SUB 618 11-12:00, 14-15:00 Wed., final exam Apr. 7.

APRIL 7

Eckankar - info booth N E corner of CAB. All invited.

U of A Paddling Society - last general meeting P.E. W1-34 5:00 pm.

U of A Flying Club - final exam tonight CAB 269, 19:00-12:30. Bring E6-B computer, plotter, Banff sectional. No make-ups.

APRIL 9

U of A NDP - pre-exam tension getting you down? How do you spell relief? R.A.T.I.O.N.A.L.-Y.O.U.T.H. - at Dinwoodie, with guests the Standards. Tickets SUB box office and CAB.

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